



Headwaters Update

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Pittsburgh, Huntington reach out to small business



Pittsburgh District's Sue Gitto, Contracting (left) and Sherrie Plonski, Deputy for Small Business (center), connect with small business owners in October at the Procurement Opportunities Fairs, a joint venture between the Corps of Engineers and the California University of Pennsylvania's Government Agency Coordination Office. (Photo courtesy of California University of Pennsylvania)

By Sheila Tunney, PAO

More than 400 small businesses attended a Procurement Opportunities Fair sponsored by the Corps of Engineers and California University of Pennsylvania's Government Agency Coordination Office, in October at the Meadows in Washington, Pa.

The semi-annual event provided a networking venue with more than 75 exhibiting companies, prime contractors and many government agencies, including the Corps' Pittsburgh and Huntington Districts.

Pittsburgh's Deputy for Small Business, Sherrie Plonski, was joined by Debbie Czewski, her Huntington counterpart, in operating a booth and providing information about their respective Districts' upcoming work and missions. The two also clarified Corps processes with many small business owners.

"The common misconception is that it's easy doing business with the government. Our purpose is to educate

the small businesses, so they know what to expect and will be able to apply that knowledge to be a successful business partner," said Plonski.

More than 70 percent of all contracts awarded by the District in fiscal year 2010 went to small businesses, according to Plonski. These include contracts for construction; for supplying materials, parts, equipment and supplies; and for performing services such as grass cutting and facility cleaning at various District locations.

The fair also included classes taught by Pittsburgh District's Construction Branch. Joe Elwell and John Pontus provided a course on providing construction work for the Corps of Engineers called "USACE 101." Elwell and Pontus also introduced students to subjects such as quality assurance/quality control, the submittal process and the culture behind the Corps' construction standards.

"Working with the Corps of Engineers is no different than working for other owners. The Corps is willing to work with you and help you have a successful project," said Elwell. But many of the questions, Elwell said, were seeking explanations on how businesses got paid.

Since being hired in 2008, Plonski said she has been very busy reestablishing outreach to the small business community and expanding the program. A reduction in force in 2004 weakened the program, and this procurement opportunity event, she said, is one of many attempts to reach out to the small businesses in our District/region.

Cover



John Black, operates the land wall gate for District Repair Fleet adjustments, while John Fletcher looks on. Both employees work at Allegheny River Lock and Dam 2. (Photo by Jeff Hawk, PAO)



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Green ideas

2010 LDP Class advances heat, light projects

By Suzanne Estock, Youghiogheny

This year's Leadership Development Program (LDP) class is advancing two green energy strategies that could save thousands of dollars for the Pittsburgh District if adopted.

After reviewing available green energy technologies, the 10-person class decided to investigate the possibility of installing a geothermal heating and cooling system, such as a ground-source heat pump, at the Northern Area Office in Sagertown, Pa., and implementing a light-emitting diode (LED) replacement strategy for the District.

This is the second year the District has based its LDP on Executive Order 13514, "Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance," which was issued in October 2009. The order tasks federal agencies to increase their use of renewable energy and to implement renewable energy generation projects on agency properties.

Geothermal systems use heat from

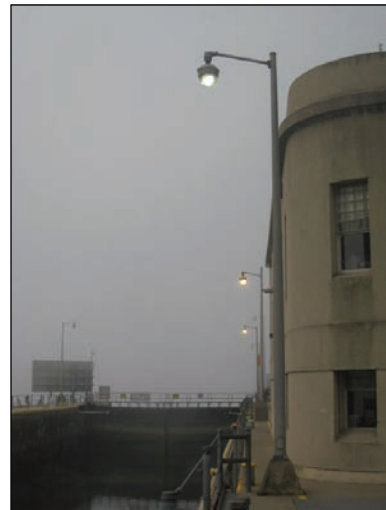
the earth or nearby water reservoirs to heat or cool buildings. There are several basic systems which can be installed at residential-sized structures.

Open-loop systems use water pumped from a well or another source of water through the building's heat exchanger and back into the source. Closed-loop systems use buried horizontal or vertical fluid-filled lines to exchange heat between the ground and the exchange system.

Use of such systems would greatly reduce energy costs over time and decrease the District's dependence on expensive and environmentally unfriendly fossil fuels.

LEDs have many advantages over other types of lighting, including lower energy consumption, longer lifetime, and greater durability and reliability. The use of LEDs for outdoor lighting has been successful in urban areas and on highways.

Converting as many outdoor lighting units as possible on the locks,



A test LED light fixture was installed at Lock 5, Allegheny River. (Photo courtesy of James Shibata, EC-DS)

dams, campgrounds and parking lots would result in dramatic energy savings and greatly reduced maintenance costs for the District. It would also eliminate the environmental hazard of disposing of the high pressure sodium and mercury lights.

As part of the pilot project, an LED light fixture was installed at Lock 5 on the Allegheny River. Corps employees on the team from the lock, the Montgomery Locks and Dam, and the Repair Party retro-fitted the current fixture to accommodate the LED light. Further testing will be done by District engineers to determine if the lumen output is sufficient to meet Corps safety standards.

The LDP team hopes the use of geothermal systems and LED lighting along with other green energy technologies will be put to use throughout the District, the Division, and the entire Corps of Engineers.

Successful implementation of the team's projects would highlight the Pittsburgh District's dynamic approach to solving financially and environmentally costly energy expenditures and place the District on the national stage as an innovative and environmentally conscious organization.



The 2010 Leadership Development Program class: front row from left to right, Elaine Lisk (Team Leader), Doug Krider, Suzanne Estock, Amanda Rexrode, Jennifer Savitz, Nick Waltenbaugh, Eric Gashel (Cadre); second row, Chris Johnson (Cadre), Bill Lynch, Jon Coleman, John Dilla, Tom Maier, James Shibata, Diane Kolodziejski (Cadre). (Photo courtesy of Elaine Lisk, Management Initiatives)

Corps, state, community agree

Trail, bridge building groups form textbook partnership

By Sheila Tunney, PAO

Sometimes one of the toughest challenges with multi-agency partnerships is working together to prevent divergent interests from delaying the desired result.

In Sharpsville, Pa., one such partnership overcame this potential obstacle by quickly developing a plan to save state funds for a hiking and biking trail from expiring while meeting a Pittsburgh District, Corps of Engineers effort to replace an aging service bridge.

"We assembled the key players (trail board members, the trail design engineer, the contractor, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and our folks) and came up with a win-win situation within three meetings," said John Kolodziejski, Shenango River Lake Resource Manager, who also noted the compromise was a "textbook partnership example."

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the 2.5-mile "Trout Island Trail," as it is dubbed, was held Sept. 17, and was attended by members of the partnership's agencies and groups as well as members of the public.

The Corps became involved with the trail with the recent funding and contract award for replacement of the Shenango River Lake Dam service bridge. The upcoming replacement has the unfortunate side effect of interfering with a half-mile section of the trail because construction of the bridge will require the use of the railroad bed on that part of the trail to move heavy equipment to the dam.

The partners agreed to closing and not paving a one-half-mile section in the middle of the trail while the Corps service bridge is being constructed. The Corps in turn quickly approved a trail expansion to make up the difference. This swift action allowed the Trail Associa-

tion to retain and use all the time sensitive trail construction grant monies.

The part of the trail which is impacted is located along the left bank of the lake near Sharpsville. When the bridge work is finished, the unpaved section would be graded and compacted with crushed limestone by the Corps.

"We all hope we can pave it as we need an emergency road access to the dam," Kolodziejski said, adding, "Of course, funding is the key issue."

The trail project falls under the auspices of the Mercer County Trails Association. It begins in Sharpsville, Pa., and travels along the Shenango River and Lake, ending near the Shenango Campground.

The service bridge is as old as the dam itself, which

was completed in 1965. The bridge will be replaced with an updated concrete box beam system meeting current standards and loading criteria. The replacement of the bridge was scheduled as part of backlogged operations and maintenance funding. A \$2.3 million contract for the work was awarded to Brayman Construction in August.

"There is no danger to the dam itself," said Corps project manager Kathleen Anderson. "The ser-

vice bridge is an essential component to the operation of the dam facility providing access across the dam for maintenance personnel and equipment." The bridge also supports the operation of the dam's emergency bulkhead system.

Work for replacement of the bridge will be performed along the top of the dam as well as from a floating plant (crane) placed on the reservoir side of the dam. The work is expected to be complete in February 2012 and will also upgrade the dam's security and maintenance lighting system.



U.S. Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper (center) and Col. Butch Graham (foreground) presided over the Trout Island Trail Dedication. (Photo by Kathy Anderson, Project Management)

Bobber on board at Shenango

Corps mascot joins Harvest Parade, Health Fair

by Kyle Kraynak, Park Ranger

Transfer Harvest Parade Ride

In August, STEP Park Ranger Cory Hoffman and SCEP Park Ranger Kyle Kraynak participated in the 133rd Transfer Harvest Home Parade in Transfer, Pa.

The annual parade stretched from State Route 18 to the Mercer County fairgrounds. The rangers were assisted by Bobber the Water Safety Dog, who helped them distribute water safety themed giveaways, including water bottles, coloring books, pencils, pens, key chains, beach balls, and chip clips along the parade route.

Approximately 450 people, both adult and children, were contacted during the parade and at the fairgrounds.

Bobber joins friends for Health and Wellness

On Oct. 9, Shenango River Lake Park Ranger Kyle Kraynak and the Corps' mascot "Bobber" attended the Shenango Valley Health and Wellness Fair at the Shenango Valley Mall in Hermitage, Pa. The event had numerous exhibits and informational displays covering topics on health and safety issues.

A Corps of Engineers booth was set up to provide information on water safety and lake information, and 40 adults and 80 children visited the booth. Bobber the Water Safety Dog helped by distributing coloring books and water safety handouts.

Bobber was accompanied by other brand mascots, such as Smokey Bear, the "Froggie 95" FM frog, "Flynnie," the Eat-n-Park Cookie, and the Mahoning Valley Scrappers Dog. All of the mascots were well received by the children.



Student Ranger Cory Hoffman hands out water safety items during the Transfer Harvest parade. (Photo by Kyle Kraynak, Shenango)



Left: Bobber with event sponsor's "Froggie 95" FM mascot. (Photos by Mary Jane Egger, Shenango Volunteer)



Shenango ATV safety course

Story and photos by Jason Bowers, Shenango

A class for young all-terrain vehicle (ATV) operators was held at the Bayview Off-Road Vehicle Area (ORV) at Shenango River Lake in September.

The goal of the training was to teach the students about safe ATV operation and provide a safety certificate. Shenango uses the same guidelines as the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for ATV riding on lake property: children under 8 are not permitted to operate an ATV, and riders between

8 and 15 are required to carry proof of completion of an operator's safety course.

The students were taught various safety principles and the proper way to handle the machine during different maneuvers by Keith Custard, who is a safety course instructor for ATV Traction, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting safe and responsible ATV use along with conserving and developing trails.

In the past, parents relied on ATV dealers and other sources to provide training, but youngsters can now take the required training at Shenango.



Kirwan algae bloom ruled out

Story and photo by Julie Stone, Kirwan

District Biologists Rose Reilly (pictured) and Autumn Rodden surveyed Kirwan Lake in August to determine if there was a blue-green algae bloom.

Fortunately, the lake was negative for algae. Reilly said Kirwan has an excellent aquatic habitat consisting of water celery, broad-leaved pondweed, water plantain, water stonewort and even some non-native pink water lily.

Mosquito Creek Dam inspected

Story and photo by Diane Czelusta, Dam Safety and Geotechnical

Members of the District office along with Mosquito Creek Dam employees conducted an intermediate inspection of Mosquito Creek Dam in August.

Intermediate inspections are conducted annually during the years between 5-year periodic inspections of the District's 16 flood control projects as part of the Dam Safety Program.

The inspection team discussed previous dam safety concerns prior to walking the embankment and inspecting the control tower. Following the inspection of the control tower, the team inspected the conduits.

There are three conduits that pass water controlled by gates in the control tower to Mosquito Creek. The middle conduit contains a water supply pipe for the City of Warren, Ohio. Members of the inspection team walked up the left and right conduits to visually inspect the condition of the conduits and the condition of the gates.

Findings from the intermediate inspection are summarized in a report in an appendix to the next Periodic Inspection Report.

The next periodic inspection at Mosquito Creek Dam is scheduled for April 2011.



Maintenance worker Tom Strella inspects the interior of an outlet conduit at Mosquito Creek Dam.

National Hunting and Fishing Days

Stonewall Jackson, Burnsville lakes team for safety

Story and photo by Nicole Layfield, Stonewall

On the weekend of Sept. 25-26, approximately 18,000 hunting and fishing enthusiasts covered the grounds of Stonewall Jackson Resort State Park for the National Hunting and Fishing Days Celebration.

The event is sponsored by the West Virginia Wildlife Federation and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WV-DNR). The two-day event encourages all ages to learn about the outdoors through responsible hunting and fishing practices and techniques.

This year marked the 13th anniversary of this event at the Resort State Park, which historically averages between 10,000 to 18,000 people attending.

Sunshine and clear skies brought in visitors from many different

regions of West Virginia to this year's event. WV-DNR reported that visitation numbers were at a record high since 2004.



Stonewall Jackson Student Ranger Karoline Bush works with children during one of the many water safety programs she conducted at the National Hunting and Fishing Days Celebration at Stonewall Jackson Lake.

For the past 12 years Stonewall Jackson and Burnsville Lake have teamed up to represent the Army Corps of Engineers.

Morgantown Lock and Dam Bulkheads inspected

By Diane Czelusta, Dam Safety & Geotechnical

Morgantown Lock and Dam underwent a visual inspection of its bulkheads in preparation of a periodic inspection scheduled to begin in September.

The bulkhead consists of four sections that are placed upstream of the dam gate to prevent flow through the gate bay. During the upcoming periodic inspection, the bulkheads will be set above the dam gate to allow the inspectors to visually inspect the condition of the dam gate.

There were no deficiencies observed that immediately affect the structural integrity or operation of the bulkheads. A report of this inspection will be included as an appendix to the Periodic Inspection Report.

Right: A visual inspection of the bulkheads at Morgantown Lock and Dam in August was lead by Frank Morone, Structural Design Section.



National Public Lands D

District lake projects enjoy the help of hundreds of volunteers

In September and October, more than 500 volunteers came to 15 of our 16 recreation projects and provided 2,179 hours of work in celebration of National Public Lands Day. The annual event gives the American people a chance to give back to the public recreation lands they enjoy.

District recreation experts valued these volunteer hours at nearly \$45,000. Details on many of the activities our projects enjoyed are on pages 10-11.



Day



Photo information is on page 10.

Public Lands Day volunteers spuce up district projects

Berlin--On Sept. 18, Berlin Lake hosted 161 volunteers who contributed a total of 612.5 hours and completed eight individual clean-up projects within the Mill Creek Recreation Area. The projects included installing clothesline posts on 40 campsites, shoreline litter cleanup and recycling, painting three campground restrooms impacting three campsites, building seven mallard duck boxes, installing new wood campground sign posts, nature trail clearing, and the waterproofing of seven wooden swings, a gazebo and playground equipment.—*Gary Cameron*

Conemaugh--Children from nearby Grace Bible School volunteered on Sept. 25, and planted a tree. In all, 40 children and seven adults assisted at the lake and were given a tour of the dam. Other activities included the removal of debris, brush cutting, and hole filling along the West Penn Trail by eight members of the Conemaugh Valley Conservancy. In early October, 18 Scout volunteers planted trees and picked up debris.—*Mark Keppler*

Kinzua--On Sept. 14, retired Kinzua Manager Bob Hoskin, Maintenance Mechanic Mike Waigand, and current Resource Manager Rodney Daum, along with five members of the Allegheny Outdoor Club, erected and installed a new osprey nesting platform in the outflow area of Kinzua Dam. On Sept. 17, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, the 2nd Annual Allegheny River Clean-up covered a 10-mile section of river from Kinzua Dam to Betts Park in Warren, Pa. A total of 9,560 pounds of scrap metal, 200 tires, 33 bags of plastic bottles, 24 buckets of glass and 17 bags of aluminum cans were collected and recycled. Numerous refrigerators, shopping carts, 55-gallon drums, stoves, sinks, chairs, and 500 feet of metal pipe littering the river banks were removed along with 80 cubic yards of trash. —*Rodney Daum*

Kirwan--Sixty-one participants secured 680 pounds of litter and debris from the shoreline and trails. Areas covered included the east and west launch ramps, swim beach, picnic areas, marina and Jewel Run Trail. Volunteers collected litter along 10 miles of the mountain bike trail and shoreline and cut 3,008 feet on the Buckeye Trail. The U.S. Coast Auxiliary recovered trash and debris from inaccessible areas of the shoreline by boat.—*Julie Stone*

Loyalhanna--On Oct. 2, seventeen students and three adults volunteered from the Eco-Action Club, which is associated with Saltsburg Area High School, and worked on building a trail at Andrico Access Area. The trail will provide a permanent corridor for the public and hunters to access Corps property. They also planted a mix of ten apple and maple trees in the Bush Recreation Area Campground.—*Michael Setlock*

Mahoning--Volunteers helped Park Ranger Grover Pegg build bluebird boxes at the lake on Sept. 25. A stone flower bed wall was installed and sugar maple saplings were planted during the celebration. In addition, volunteers with boats performed shoreline cleanup and additional tree plantings at Milton Loop campground.—*Patrick Kline*

Mosquito--"Christian Rangers" from Good Shephard Church worked on the Lakeview nature trail.—*Dianne Kolodziejki*

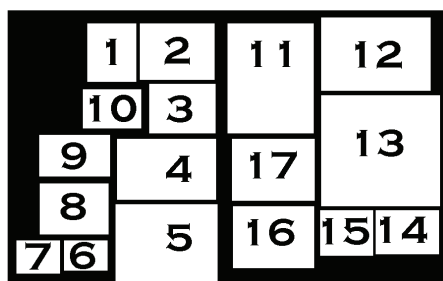
Shenango--On Sept. 25 and 26, the Shenango Lake staff and 30 volunteers made several improvements in the Shenango Campground, including the replacement of split rail fencing, pruning trees, painting traffic control lines, landscaping around the solar tracker, painting Tent-for-Rent equipment, and repairing campground reservation

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Public Lands Day Photo Captions

Volunteers for National Public Lands Day along with Corps employees have been captured in the photos on pages 8-9. (See the key below.)

1. Digging fence pole holes at Shenango; 2. Picking up floating debris at Youghiogh-
eny; 3. Planting trees at Loyalhanna; 4. Fixing the trail at Mosquito; 5. Posing for a group



- photo after shoreline cleaning at Stonewall Jackson; 6. Getting a volunteer briefing at Kirwan; 7. Installing osprey platform at Kinzua; 8. Installing fish habitats at Shenango; 9. Posing for photo after trail improvements at Tygart; 10. Signing in for trail and shoreline clean up at Kirwan; 11. Installing timber borders around the solar tracker at Shenango; 12. Painting playground equipment at Berlin; 13. Crafting bluebird boxes at Mahoning; 14. Collecting shoreline trash on Allegheny River near Kinzua; 15. Pruning trees at Shenango; 16. Chilling during shoreline cleanup at Youghiogh-
eny; 17. Planting trees at Conemaugh. (Photos contributed by employees at lake projects as listed above.)

Volunteers (continued from pg. 10)

signs. Earlier in the month, 37 volunteers, park rangers and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission personnel built and installed 10 black bass nesting structures in the lake. On Oct. 3, the local chapter of ATV Traction, a club that promotes the preservation and wise use of ATV riding areas, had a work day in the Bayview Off-Road Vehicle area. Activities included upgrades to the youth training area, remarking boundary lines and installing barricades on unauthorized trails.—*Jason Bowers*

Stonewall--Park Ranger Nicole Layfield, Student Ranger Karoline Bush and Maintenance Mechanic Kit Tressler, teamed with local volunteers from the Glenville State College Environmental Organization and members of the Robert L. Bland Middle School Football Team. The 14 volunteers and Stonewall team spent six hours on shoreline cleanup, collecting twenty-one 30-gallon trash bags full of litter from the lake's shoreline.—*Nicole Layfield*

Tygart--In conjunction with the Tygart Lake staff, nine volunteers from local communities and Boy Scouts of America Troop #6 of Grafton worked together to enhance the aesthetics and maneuverability of the Dogwood Trail. The group installed steps and water breaks, removed stumps and brush, and created a more level and defined hiking trail.—*April Hawkey*

Youghiogheny--On Sept. 25, Youghiogheny River Lake staff and more than 40 volunteers cleaned up the shoreline around the project. More than 104 cubic yards of debris was collected. Most of it was near popular day use areas where four construction dumpsters were placed. The majority of the debris was Styrofoam, which is used for flotation on private docks. The project staff enlisted the help of the dock owners and local volunteers in their efforts, while several boat clubs conducted their own shoreline clean-up near their clubs.—*Brian Luprek*

Special Thanks

The following organizations were instrumental in making National Public Lands Day a success at Pittsburgh District projects.

Robert L. Bland Middle School Football Team
Glenville State College Environmental Organization
Allegheny Outdoor Club
Northwest Savings Bank
Conewango Creek Watershed Association
Whirley DrinkWorks
PNC Bank
Allegheny Outfitters
U.S. Forest Service
Warren County Visitors Bureau/Council on Tourism.
Conemaugh Valley Conservancy
Grace Bible School
Friends of Yough
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Cleveland Area Mountain Bike Association
Buckeye Trail Association
West Branch State Park
Rootstown Giant Eagle employees
Eco-Action Club / Saltsburg Area High School
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
Slippery Rock University
ATV Traction
Girl Scouts of America
Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scouts of America
Christian Rangers/Good Shepherd Church
Corps Campground Host Volunteers
Previously Employed Corps Rangers

*Thanks to the many volunteers in these organizations
--and others--that help make our recreation projects
great places to visit.*

Shenango hosts K-9 training

Story and photo by Rich Egger, Shenango

Members of the K-9 Search on Site (SOS) and Pennsylvania West Search and Rescue (PaWSAR) teams trained at the Shenango Campground on Oct. 16.

The teams respond to emergencies for missing persons and body recoveries in northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Eight trainers conducted field exercises to train the dogs to follow verbal commands, follow scent trails, and overcome any fear of heights and unfamiliar terrain.

Both teams are required to conduct training exercises on a regular basis to meet state mandated guidelines and frequently train at Shenango.



A team member trains a dog to follow verbal commands.



Tygart Lake Ranger April Hawkey talks to a group of students about water safety (Photo by Nikki Layfield, Stonewall Jackson)

Mountain State Forest Festival

By April Hawkey, Tygart

On Oct. 7, Park Rangers Nikki Layfield (Stonewall Jackson) and April Hawkey (Tygart) attended School Day at the annual Mountain State Forest Festival in Elkins, W.Va.

The festival has been a tradition since 1930 and celebrates the preservation and conservation of West Virginia's natural resources.

Layfield and Hawkey spent the day emphasizing safety in and around the water. Demonstrations were also presented on the proper use of personal flotation devices to elementary school students.

Following each program, students received a bag filled with water safety activity ideas and coloring books.

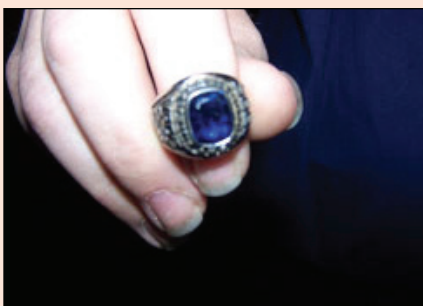
The rangers considered the day a success after making 415 water safety contacts.

Return of the Ring: Found, returned 18 years later

Story and photo by Brian Luprek, Youghiogheny

Wade Criswell of Latrobe is finally able to enjoy his high school class ring.

His parents bought him the ring when he was 17 for graduating from Somerset Area High School. But on a summer trip to Youghiogheny River Lake in 1992, it slipped off his finger while he was swimming. He said



that he and his friends made several dive attempts to recover the ring but were unable to locate it in the water.

Two years ago someone found the ring and turned it into the Manager's Office at Youghiogheny River Lake.

Calls were made to all of the "Criswells" found in the Somerset County phonebook with no success, so the ring was stored and forgotten.

During an office cleanup of the project "lost and found" storage, Youghiogheny's Lake Project Assistant Dave Rogers decided to try using Facebook to find the ring's owner. After an email through Facebook and a phone call with Criswell, it was determined that he indeed was the owner of the missing ring.

Mr. Criswell and his parents said they are thrilled to have the ring back and amazed at its excellent condition after 18 years.

Deputies given Army public service awards for rescue



Mahoning County Sheriff's Deputies Steve Morland (left) and Jose Sanchez were presented with the Commander's Award for Public Service by District Engineer Col. William Graham.

Story and photo by Gary Cameron, Berlin

On Sept. 18, Pittsburgh District Engineer Col. William Graham presented Mahoning County Sheriff's Deputies Steve Morland and Jose Sanchez with the Commander's Award for Public Service.

The award was given for the deputies' actions on Aug. 1 while respond-

ing to an emergency situation in Mill Creek Recreation Area where three people were in distress in the water.

The deputies rescued two children, ages 6 and 8, and gave immediate emergency care to an adult who was later pronounced dead at the scene.

The deputies' quick response and actions on the scene were credited with saving the lives of the children.

Safety Saturday

Story by Rich Egger, Shenango

Shenango Rangers Terri Peasley and Tim Jobe, along with Bobber the Water Safety Dog, attended the "Safety Saturday" activities in Hermitage, Pa., in September.

The event was sponsored by Lowes Home Improvement Warehouse, and attended by the local fire department, emergency medical technicians, rescue personnel and Shenango River Lake staff. The activities were promoting home, fire and water safety awareness.

Bobber made approximately 200 contacts with children while handing out coloring books and water safety items.



Park Ranger Terri Peasley and Bobber the Water Safety Dog meet children during "Safety Saturday" held in Hermitage, Pa. (Photo by Mary Jane Egger, Shenango Volunteer)

Daum joins Scout Jamboree in Virginia

Rodney Daum, Kinzua Dam Supervisory Resource Manager, applied for and was selected from nationwide Corps applicants to staff the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

The team was responsible for setting up the entire U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Conservation Trail Exhibit, creating the script and the manner in which to lead Scouts through the exhibit area.

The tours through the Corps exhibits lasted 20 to 25 minutes and were continuous throughout the jamboree.

Daum said approximately 8,000 Scouts were led through his area.

The jamboree ran for 10 days, and Daum's work included set up, preparation and tear down of the exhibits.

—PAO



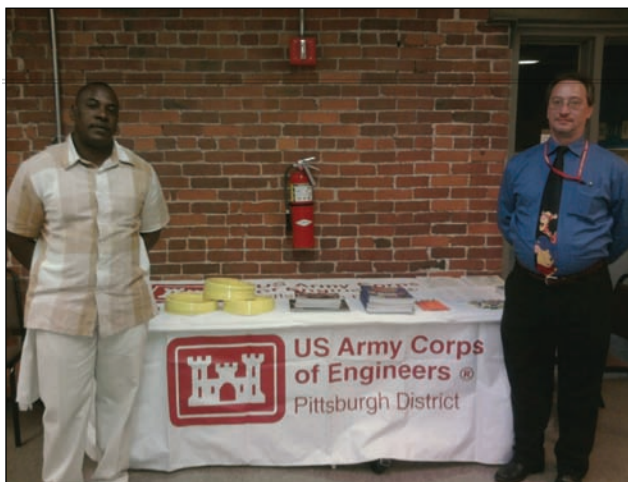
Rodney Daum, right, speaks with Boy Scouts and adults on the Corps' Conservation Trail at the National Scout Jamboree, Fort A.P. Hill, Va. (Photo courtesy of Rodney Daum)

Go Green logo McCann art adopted as Corps' symbol

Sean McCann, an ACE-IT IPSD Visual Information Specialist in Pittsburgh, was watching an evening television program that included a segment on how America is going green and how some large corporations are participating in the Go Green initiative.

On his own, Sean created a logo for the Corps to use for a Going Green program. He submitted it to the Headquarters Public Affairs Office who passed the logo along to the Corps Environmental Community of Practice (CoP). The CoP adopted the logo for internal use within the Corps as a symbol of the agency's involvement in the Go Green initiative.

—ACE-IT Insider



District reaches out to students at Ability Pittsburgh

Robert Turner (left) and Patrick Kopriva, EEO, participated in the "Ability Pittsburgh" outreach program at the John Heinz History Center in September. The EEO team was joined by Amy Sweazy of the Pittsburgh CPAC.

The event attracted 495 students, teachers and volunteers from 19 local schools, and focused on issues affecting individuals with disabilities, including employment opportunities, assistive technologies and disability advocacy. (Photo by Amy Sweazy, CPAC)

--EEO

Common ground Deployees St. Vincent alumni



District office employees Gregory Japalucci and Janelle Kaufold have more than just their deployment in common. They recently discovered they are both St. Vincent College alumni.

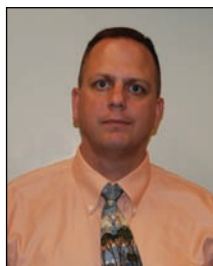
Japalucci (Class of 1976) and Kaufold (Class of 2009), are currently stationed in the Afghanistan theater near Kandahar.

Japalucci is a senior realty specialist who procures leases and licenses with local nationals. Kaufold is an administrative specialist at Forward Operating Base Lindsey, working on personnel actions and administrative support for Corps of Engineers personnel in the Kandahar area.

The area is one that holds an intense focus on the current Afghanistan mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (Photo by Mike Bockman, FOB Lindsey)

—Janelle Kaufold, DE

White House Historian honors Kish



Bruce Kish, Planning, recently attracted the attention of the White House Historian and earned a medallion from the Director of the White House Transportation Agency (WHTA).

Kish was recognized during his Army Reserve annual training in October for pinpointing the origins of the WHTA predecessor, the White House Stables. Kish discovered a contract prepared May 20, 1800, by President John Adams' secretary for the construction of the first public stables.

Kish was attached to the agency to conduct oral history interviews with alumni and conduct historic research at the National Archives.

--PAO

Corps Employee Update

District 2010 Employees of the Year



GS:
Joe Kolodziej
Southern Area
Office



Wage Grade:
Jim Klanica
Allegheny
L/D 4

Outstanding 4th Quarter Employees



GS:
Joe Premozic
Engineering



Wage Grade:
Jim Kirchner
Pike Island

Crock FEB Woman of Year

Jenny Crock (right) of the Environmental Section, was selected as the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board's Woman of the Year. Crock is pictured with Kathy Dillaman, Associate Director of Investigations Office of Personnel Management, who was the featured speaker at the luncheon.



Photo by Carmen Rozzi, Planning

Boren LRD Engineer of Year

Paula Boren, Chief, Technical Design Section, was named the Lakes and Rivers Division Engineer of the Year in August.

A supervisory civil engineer, Boren was recommended for the honor for her leadership, initiative and creativity, along with her significant contributions in cost engineering and engineering management.

Boren was cited in the recommendation as being a "key American Recovery and Reinvestment Act heavy hitter that ensured we could execute the \$139 million program."



Military spotlight: Captain joins Lower Mon Field Office

The District welcomes Capt. Christopher "C.J." Scott, who joined the District in late August and will be working at the Lower Mon Field Office as a project engineer.

Scott's last assignment was at Fort Carson, Colo., where he served as an engineer company commander under the 4th Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division. Scott recently returned from a yearlong tour in Afghanistan.

A native of Upper Saint Clair, Scott is married and has newly born twins.

"I'm happy to be home and around family," Scott said. "It's great to be helping the people of Pittsburgh. Go Steelers!"

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Photo by Jeff Hawk, PAO

Corps Snapshots



Above: Crooked Creek Lake Park Ranger Emily Schantz married her best friend Ryan Potter on Oct. 9. Mr. and Mrs. Potter enjoyed their honeymoon in Ireland. (Photo by Mike Mazzocco, Crooked Creek) **Left:** You can take the Steelers fans out of Pittsburgh, but apparently can't take them out of Steelers Country. Deployed district employees posed for this picture while serving at the Corps of Engineers' Kandahar, Afghanistan, field office, and include (from left to right) Chad Richards, Programs, Greg Japalucci, Real Estate, Lt. Col. Randall Wheeler (Executive Office-now redeployed), Janelle Kaufold (Executive Office), and Elliott Porter (Management Initiatives). (Photo by A.J. Niaz, AED)



Biologist Autumn Rodden speaks with a student during the Ohio River Watershed Celebration Imagination Cruise aboard the Gateway Clipper Empress. Rodden and Cory Walker (right), a student biologist, manned the District's information booth which showcases aquatic life in the region. Keith Ulintz (left), Emsworth Locks and Dam, was also on board to answer questions about the waterways.



Employees of the Pike Island Lock and Dam enjoyed breakfast with the crew and toured the World War II ship LST 325 before it was opened to the public in Wheeling, W. Va in September. The ship travelled the Ohio River from Evanston, Ind., stopped in Cincinnati, Wheeling and Pittsburgh for tours. When the ship locked through at Pike Island, the lock crew provided the ship's crew with lunch. Front Row, left to right, Kevin Lightner, Wayne Rutter, Jim Kirchner, Dane Summerville, and Darrell Robson; back row, David Polanski, Jim Mirides, E.J. Stupak, and Michael Selva. (Photo by Sean McCann, ACE-IT)



Left: Allan Suder (left) and Don Hawthorn from Point Marion Lock and Dam were on hand at the AL-COSAN Open House to explain to the public how boats pass through locks and dam. (Photos by Dan Jones, PAO)